

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
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ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: REGIONAL BOARD WORKSHOP ON ANNUAL PRIORITIES

PURPOSE: This workshop provides an opportunity to review and discuss San Diego Water Board priorities for 2014.

DISCUSSION: Staff will briefly present a summary of the 2014 Operational Plan to begin implementation of the Practical Vision, an overview of each Branch's programs and their high priority projects, and other areas of opportunity as discussed by the Executive Officer.

The November 2013 Board endorsement of the Practical Vision marked the official start of changing the culture of protecting water quality. It is expected to take 7 years to complete the first iteration of the Vision. Given the vast implications of our Mission and the ever present need to juggle priorities from multiple stakeholders, it is imperative that course corrections be made with forethought and planning. The 2014 Operational Plan sets in motion several of the 27 projects contained in the Practical Vision and will lay out milestones, deliverables, and resources needed for each. These projects include:

- Completion of the San Diego Bay Strategy
- Adoption of a Resolution on Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Systems
- A new monitoring system for bacterial indicators along beaches in South Orange County
- Issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for Irrigated Agriculture that implements the Monitoring Framework
- Revision of Groundwater Quality Objectives for Nitrogen facilitating greater use of recycled water

The breadth and depth of the responsibility and purview of the San Diego Water Board is rarely revealed during most

Board Meetings. The three branches of the San Diego Water Board manage over thirty programs across numerous dedicated funding sources. The branches will present a quick overview of their programs, staff and stakeholders. They will also highlight important projects that include the following.

- Renewal of the International Boundary and Water Commission International Wastewater Treatment Facility Permit
- Extension of the Regional MS4 Permit to Orange County
- Monitoring coordination efforts in the San Diego River Watershed

Finally, the Executive Officer will discuss other efforts that do not fit neatly into the traditional programmatic concept of water quality restoration and protection. These include:

- On-going efforts of the Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team
- Community outreach and Environmental Justice
- Drought conditions, water short falls, and how the San Diego Water Board can assist in ensuring a reliable water supply

Staff appreciates the opportunity to discuss the many issues and programs not often heard during Board Meetings. As such, we look forward to learning the priorities, concerns and questions of the Board Members.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

1. [Organizational Chart](#)